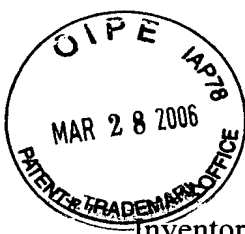


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**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(a) TO  
WITHDRAW THE HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT**

S I R:

Applicant hereby requests and petitions under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(a) to withdraw the holding of abandonment in connection with the above-captioned application.

A Notice of Abandonment was mailed by the Office on January 31, 2006 and states that the application is abandoned because "[t]he decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences rendered on 25 January, 2006 and because the period for seeking court review of the decision has expired and there are no allowed claims." The period for seeking court review does not expire until two months after the date of the Decision on Appeal, i.e., March 26, 2006. Applicant is submitting herewith a Request for Continued Examination along with a Preliminary Amendment. Any charges for this submission may be made under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(5) to the deposit account of KENYON & KENYON LLP, Deposit Account No. 11-0600. Thus, in view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the holding of abandonment of the present application was in error, and Applicant hereby

petitions to withdraw the holding of abandonment. In a telephone conference with the Examiner on February 16, 2006, the Examiner agreed that the Notice of Abandonment was issued in error and indicated that he would withdraw the Notice, however, no such withdrawal seems to have been made.

It is believed that no fees are required in connection with this Petition. However, if any fees are required in connection with this Petition, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any and all such fees to the deposit account of KENYON & KENYON LLP, Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Date: March 24, 2006

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